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## Dear Alexis,

For your information, attached is a motion that Florence Copper (FCI) has filed asking the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit to require the Town of Florence and Southwest Value Partners to, at the very least, file with the Court a sworn affidavit that evidence exists that a portion of the Exemption currently serves as a source of drinking water and that they will produce such evidence with exhibits to their appellate brief on the merits of the Petition on the Exemption. The Court has stayed until June 1 the Petitioners' deadline for responding to the motion because of the ongoing "mediation."

It is baffling to FCI that the DOJ and EPA are not supporting the motion, since we believe no evidence exists that a portion of the Exemption currently serves as a source of drinking water; and were EPA to affirmatively support the motion, there is a good chance that the Court would dismiss the Petition on the Exemption, leaving for judicial review only the EAB's decision not to consider the Exemption as part of its review of the UIC permit. Far from affirmatively supporting FCI's motion, we understand that DOJ and EPA want to consolidate the Court's consideration of the two petitions.

Cheers,

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